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Report Highlights:

Forecast trends for 2002/03 Italian citrus production were confirmed by recent Italian Economic Institute reports. All Italian citrus production, except lemons and grapefruits, declined in 2002/03 due to unfavorable weather.

Includes PSD changes: Yes

Includes Trade Matrix: No

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SITUATION AND OUTLOOK

Earlier forecast trends predicted by Post for MY 2002/03 Italian citrus production were confirmed by recent Italian Economic Institute reports. All citrus production, except lemons and grapefruit, declined in 2002/03 due to unfavorable weather conditions.

Lemon production slightly increased as its year-round planting season allowed it to avoid the impact of adverse weather patterns. Grapefruit output also increased primarily due to an expansion in planting acreage.

Despite the decline in fresh orange, fresh tangerine, and orange juice production, the overall Italian citrus output did not fall as much as expected. Drought conditions early in the season affected growing conditions, but rainfall late in the year led to a moderate recovery. Volcanic activity around the horticultural growing areas of Mount Aetna also negatively affected Italy's citrus production.

Due to increased orange juice exports in 2002, beginning stocks of Italian citrus juice dropped significantly in 2002/03. Although orange juice exports in 2002 increased, perpetual problems in the market organization of the Italian juice sector are having a profound impact on the Italian market. Overall exports are declining (even when domestic supply is as large as the 2001/02 crop) and imports are growing. Clementines and blood orange varieties, such as Tarocco, have respectable market shares in the European market.

Orange juice imports have trend upward over the year. They come almost exclusively from Brazil after being reprocessed in North European ports of entry.

PSD TABLES

FRESH ORANGES

PSD Table						
Country	Italy					
Commodity	Fresh Oranges				(HECTARES)(1000 TREES)(1000 MT)	
	2000	Revised	2001	Estimate	2002	Forecast
	USDA Official[Old]	Post Estimate[New]	USDA Official[Old]	Post Estimate[New]	USDA Official[Old]	Post Estimate[New]
Market Year Begin		11/2000		11/2001		11/2002
Area Planted	110000	110000	108000	108000	108000	108000
Area Harvested	107000	107000	106000	106000	106000	106000
Bearing Trees	0	0	0	0	0	0
Non-Bearing Trees	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL No. Of Trees	0	0	0	0	0	0
Production	1800	1800	1829	1829	1551	1765
Imports	59	59	65	65	90	75
TOTAL SUPPLY	1859	1859	1894	1894	1641	1840
Exports	143	143	129	129	106	140
Fresh Dom. Consumption	1106	1106	1145	1145	965	1130
Processing	610	610	620	620	570	570
TOTAL DISTRIBUTION	1859	1859	1894	1894	1641	1840

FRESH LEMONS

PSD Table						
Country	Italy					
Commodity	Fresh Lemons				(HECTARES)(1000 TREES)(1000 MT)	
	2000	Revised	2001	Estimate	2002	Forecast
	USDA Official[Old]	Post Estimate[New]	USDA Official[Old]	Post Estimate[New]	USDA Official[Old]	Post Estimate[New]
Market Year Begin		10/2000		10/2001		10/2002
Area Planted	35000	35000	35000	35000	34000	34000
Area Harvested	35000	35000	35000	35000	34000	34000
Bearing Trees	0	0	0	0	0	0
Non-Bearing Trees	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL No. Of Trees	0	0	0	0	0	0
Production	610	610	571	571	572	584
Imports	41	41	61	61	60	60
TOTAL SUPPLY	651	651	632	632	632	644
Exports	33	33	22	22	19	19
Fresh Dom. Consumption	222	222	288	288	290	290
Processing	396	396	322	322	323	335
TOTAL DISTRIBUTION	651	651	632	632	632	644

FRESH GRAPEFRUIT

PSD Table						
Country	Italy					
Commodity	Fresh Grapefruit				(HECTARES)(1000 TREES)(1000 MT)	
	2000	Revised	2001	Estimate	2002	Forecast
	USDA Official[Old]	Post Estimate[New]	USDA Official[Old]	Post Estimate[New]	USDA Official[Old]	Post Estimate[New]
Market Year Begin		06/2000		06/2001		06/2002
Area Planted	1400	1400	1400	1400	1600	1600
Area Harvested	1000	1000	1200	1200	1400	1400
Bearing Trees	0	0	0	0	0	0
Non-Bearing Trees	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL No. Of Trees	0	0	0	0	0	0
Production	20	20	51	30	43	45
Imports	30	30	37	30	40	40
TOTAL SUPPLY	50	50	88	60	83	85
Exports	5	5	6	8	0	2
Fresh Dom. Consumption	40	40	79	45	80	80
Processing	5	5	3	7	3	3
TOTAL DISTRIBUTION	50	50	88	60	83	85

FRESH TANGERINES

PSD Table						
Country	Italy					
Commodity	Fresh Tangerines				(HECTARES)(1000 TREES)(1000 MT)	
	2000	Revised	2001	Estimate	2002	Forecast
	USDA Official[Old]	Post Estimate[New]	USDA Official[Old]	Post Estimate[New]	USDA Official[Old]	Post Estimate[New]
Market Year Begin		11/2000		11/2001		11/2002
Area Planted	35000	35000	37000	37000	37000	37000
Area Harvested	34000	34000	35000	35000	35000	35000
Bearing Trees	0	0	0	0	0	0
Non-Bearing Trees	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL No. Of Trees	0	0	0	0	0	0
Production	592	592	611	611	519	560
Imports	56	56	65	65	80	75
TOTAL SUPPLY	648	648	676	676	599	635
Exports	74	74	71	71	58	70
Fresh Dom. Consumption	376	376	475	475	431	455
Processing	198	198	130	130	110	110
TOTAL DISTRIBUTION	648	648	676	676	599	635

ORANGE JUICE

PSD Table						
Country	Italy				Degrees Brix	
Commodity	Juice, Orange				(MT)	
	2000	Revised	2001	Estimate	2002	Forecast
	USDA Official[Old]	Post Estimate[New]	USDA Official[Old]	Post Estimate[New]	USDA Official[Old]	Post Estimate[New]
Market Year Begin		01/2001		01/2002		01/2003
Deliv. To Processors	610	610	620	620	570	570
Beginning Stocks	15000	15	17000	17	16000	9
Production	38000	38	40000	40	38000	38
Imports	40000	40	40000	40	40000	40
TOTAL SUPPLY	93000	93	97000	97	94000	87
Exports	43000	43	45000	52	45000	46
Domestic Consumption	33000	33	36000	36	38000	37
Ending Stocks	17000	17	16000	9	11000	4
TOTAL DISTRIBUTION	93000	93	97000	97	94000	87